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**R7 State EOCs:**

State	Ops at EOC	Phone Duty Officer Ops
Kansas	State EOC is still operational. ESF 10 is still activated and participating remotely for all briefings. All staff have returned to work and are working remotely as much as possible; with a limited number of staff in the office. KDHE has resumed site-work and limited staff travel to areas not identified as COVID-19 hotspots.	PDO (spills coordinator) is in the office and taking spill line calls through routine methods. After-hours PDO is staffed by the Spill Coordinator and assisted by other staff. District offices are working spills through routine methods.
Nebraska	NDEE is in normal work status. Offices are open to the public and will remain open. NDEE has completed the move of its new Lincoln office. The office is fully open. Most NDEE employees are working their normal hours at their office workstations (COVID-19 specific remote-work policies will continue to be implemented).	The main number for NDEE (402-471-2186) will still be answered (8-5 Monday through Friday) and transferred as before. NDEE Emergency Response Program Activities will not be affected. However, individual phone numbers will most likely go to voice mail and then forward to e-mail; callers are encouraged to leave messages
Iowa	State EOC is open virtually with only EM staff regularly on-site. Briefings are no longer being held unless necessary. EOC taskings are being conducted virtually through WebEOC.	Spill line is being answered as normal. The Iowa DNR is in Phase 1 of Return to Work Plan (<25% in office), other staff remain AWL. Need for response evaluated at time of call as normal.
Missouri	State EOC currently open. ESF 3 and 10 not currently staffed but maintaining awareness of ongoing operations.	PDO taking spill line calls from alternate work location(s). Will have delayed response times due to teleworking of all responders.

### Significant Events:

EPA OSC Ferguson responded to a release from an ethanol plant in Mead, NE. The release traveled about 4 miles off-site and has been contained and awaits better weather later this week to begin cleanup by the ethanol facility. The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy has retained regulatory oversight of the cleanup.

### R7 Responders and Phone Duty Personnel for the Week:

R1 – Jeff Pritchard

R2 – Joe Davis

Day Phone – Doug Ferguson

Weekend Phone – Yvonne Smith

**REOC Status:** Level 2, Type 4: Virtual and partial REOC activation to support regional COVID-19 related activities

### Weather Outlook:

Extreme cold temperatures expected throughout the region. For the Kansas City area forecast, go to:

<https://www.weather.gov/eax/hwo>

### Hot Line Log:

Event	Date/Time Report	Event No.	Status	State Log No.	Report/ Response	Name of Facility	Location of Incident	Water Body	Material Released	Release Type	Response Type	Notes EPA Action	Yes	Action Required	Spot Response
2772840	02/17/2021 12:35:50	1285503	Pending			HOLLY FRONTIER REFINING	ELDORADO, KS County: BUTLER		HYDROGEN SULFIDE (UNKNOWN AMOUNT)				Yes		
2772842	02/19/2021 17:52:00	1285188	Closed		Gieseko	TALL GRASS ENERGY PARTNERS	03 088 BERVINGDALE, NE County: BUTLER		NATURAL GAS (LPG) (MAG)	Other	No Further Action	No EPA response, release detected.	Yes		
2772840	02/19/2021 15:31:35	1285184	Closed	47835		TYSON FRESH MEATS	03 088 EUROPOL, KS County: LYON		AMMONIA, ANHYDROUS (AMMONIA GAS) (UNKNOWN AMOUNT)	Leak	No Further Action	Tied up with RFP	Yes		